(c) to (e) The new genotypes are yet to be tested in All India Coordinated Wheat Improvement Programme in different regions and situations in the country for assessing their suitability and adaptability. Once, their superiority is established, varieties could be identified, released and notified as per normal procedure for their commercial cultivation.

Schemes for fishermen in A.P.

*750. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any schemes for the benefit of poor fishermen in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of fishermen benefited under each scheme in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) and (b) Various schemes such as National Welfare of Fishermen, Fisheries Training and Extension, Development of Marine Fisheries, Development of Freshwater and Coastal Aquaculture and Fishing Harbour Facilities at Major and Minor Ports are implemented in Andhra Pradesh for development of fisheries and for the benefit of fishermen.

(c) In most of the schemes the assistance is provided for creation of infrastructure. However, according to the information received from the State Government 4.21 lakh fishermen have been benefited under the scheme National Welfare of fishermen during last three years.

Diversion of Rail Development Funds

*751. SHRI NX PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-items appearing in Malayalam Daily Mathrubhoomi dated 9th April, 2002, that the southern Railway Zonal officials are diverting the funds allocated for the Rail Development, to some other States;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that rupees 90 crore allotted for doubling